

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and reconsideration of the application identified in caption, as amended, pursuant to and consistent with 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and in light of the remarks which follow, are respectfully requested.

The courtesy extended by Examiner Hon to Applicants' representative during the telephonic interview conducted on October 26, 2005, is greatly appreciated. During the interview, a proposed amendment to the claims was discussed, specifically a recitation of the particles having a particle size of from 1.0 to 10 μm being in contact with the transparent support. Examiner Hon indicated that such a recitation would be effective to overcome the present rejections, but that presentation of claims including this subject matter would require further consideration and search. This understanding was reflected in the Interview Summary that is of record.

Accordingly, Applicants have hereby filed a Request for Continued Examination and the instant Amendment which amends the claims in a manner that is believed to be consistent with the understanding reached during the aforementioned interview. In particular, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 3 (while responding to the §112 rejection of claim 2 and canceling claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer). Claim 1 has also been amended to recite that the particles are set in contact with the transparent support. Claim 1 has further been amended to recite that the occurrence of non-uniformity of brightness due to light interference is prevented by virtue of the high transmittance and matt property of the film, when the concavo-convex structure of a surface of the film is contacted with a smooth surface of a layer in a liquid crystal display device. In addition to original claims 2 and 3, support for the above amendments to claim 1 may be found in the specification at least at page 2, line 4 to page 4, line 9; page 8, lines 1-5; page 10,

lines 15-25; page 13, line 15 to page 14, line 7; page 16, lines 3-5; page 18, lines 15-22; and Figures 1 and 2.

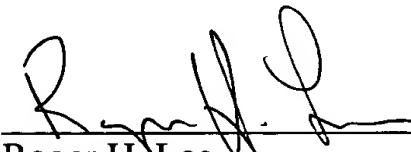
Claims 8 and 9 have been amended to accommodate the cancellation of certain dependent claims, and claim 16 has been amended in response to the §112 rejection set forth in the Official Action without substantively modifying the claim. Finally, new dependent claims 17 and 18 have been added which are directed to other aspects of the invention. Support for such new claims can be found in the specification at least at pages 2-4, taken in connection with Figure 2. Entry of the above amendments is proper at least because a Request for Continued Examination is being filed herewith. See 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

From the foregoing, further and favorable action in the form of a Notice of Allowance is believed to be next in order, and such action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions concerning this paper or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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